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SUBJECT: UNCTAD: FIFTH SPECIAL TDB

SUMMARY. TDB CONCLUDED GENERAL DEBATE ON AGENDA ITEMS 3 AND 4 LATE P. M. MAY 1. INTERVENTIONS OF NEW ZEALAND, MEXICO, EQUADOR, AND GDR ON ITEM 3 FOLLOWED BY PEREZ-GUERRERO ASSESSMENT OF DEBATE ON ITEM AND BY STATEMENT SEVERAL DELS ON MOBILIZATION OF WORLD PUBLIC OPINION ( AGENDA ITEM 4). END SUMMARY.

1. NEW ZEALAND DEL MADE PITCH FOR OBJECTIVITY AND CONSENSUS IN DEALING WITH R& A, CAUTIONING AGAINST " JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS ON LITTLE EVIDENCE". AN- NOUNCED GONZ HAS DECIDED REACH .7 PERCENT ODA TARGET BY 1975-1976, WHICH WOULD INVOLVE RAISING \$19 MILLION ODA IN 1971-1972 TO \$62 MILLION IN 1975-1976 BUDGET YEAR.

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2. MEXICAN DEL CHARACTERIZED ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE UNDER IDS AS " VERY DISAPPOINTING", NOTING VARIETY OF IMPERFECTIONS IN INTERNATIONAL MARKET. HE SAID LDC ANXIETIES BEING IGNORED IN MANY CENTERS OF ECONOMIC POWER AND WARNED DCS THAT THEY WILL " IMPORT TENSIONS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" IF MEASURES NOT TAKEN TO IMPROVE LDC ACCESS TO MARKETS AND TECHNOLOGY. GAVE GRUDGING RECOGNITION TO SUCH AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS AS GSP IMPROVEMENTS, COCOA AGREEMENT AND AGREEMENT TO CONVENE PLENIPOTENTIARY MEETING ON CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER CONFERENCES.

3. EQUADORIAN DEL SUPPORTED PESSIMISTIC LDC VIEWS ON R& A AS EXPRESSED AT QUITO ECLA MEETING. COMPLAINED ABOUT IMPORT DUTIES AND QUOTAS LEVIED ON BANANAS BY MANY COUNTRIES.

4. LAST INTERVENTION ON AGENDA ITEM 3 MADE BY GDR REP WHO NOTED THAT GDR DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN ESTABLISHING IDS AND WILL DETERMINE ITS POSITION AFTER JOINING UN.

5. ASSESSING DEBATE ON ITEM 3 UNCTAD SYG PEREZ- GUERRERO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT GOVERNMENTS ATTACHING IMPORTANCE TO FIRST R# A BY TDB AND THAT BOTH DCS AND LDCS TAKING THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE IDS " AS-SIDUOUSLY". ALSO MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

( A) PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN CERTAIN AREAS ( COCOA AGREEMENT, ESTABLISHMENT OF C-20, NEW DAC RECOMMENDATIONS ON TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AID, RECOGNITION OF PROBLEMS OF LEAST DEVELOPED, ADOPTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF GSP SCHEMES), BUT SECRETARIAT FELT IT TO BE ITS DUTY TO EMPHASIZE POLICY AREAS WHERE PROGRESS NOT BEING MADE. HE IS NOT PESSIMIST, WOULDN' T BE IN HIS JOB IF HER WERE, AND IS ONLY TRYING TO STIMULATE NEEDED DIALOGUE ABOUT DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS. ACHIEVEMENT OF 6 PERCENT GROWTH TARGET NOT VERY MEANINGFUL TO MOST LDCS, PARTICULARLY THE LEAST DEVELOPED WHOSE GNPS HAVE HARDLY GROWN AT ALL. RESPONSIBILITY FOR REMOVING EXTERNAL CONSTRAINTS LIMITING GROWTH RESTS WITH DCS, PARTICULARLY THE MOST

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POWERFUL COUNTRIES.

( B) RISE IN COMMODITY PRICES IN 1972 NOT GENERAL, ONLY REPRESENTS RECOVERY FROM LOW PRICES IN 1971-1972, AND MAY ONLY BE CYCLICAL PHENOMENON.

( C) TDB SHOULD TRY TO REACH " POSITIVE CONCLU-

SIONS" WHICH CAN BE SUPPORTED BY FULL MEMBERSHIP.

6. IN INTRODUCING AGENDA ITEM 4, PEREZ- GUERRERO NOTED EXISTENCE FOR FIRST TIME IN TDB OF " EMERGING CONSENSUS" ON PUBLIC INFORMATION ISSUE AND VOWED THAT SECRETARIAT WOULD BE MORE DYNAMIC HENCEFORTH IN PURSUING PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM. CESI DIRECTOR GIBSON- PARKER ECHOED PEREZ- GUERRERO COMMENTS, STATED THAT CESI AND UNCTAD COLLABORATING VERY CLOSELY AND THAT CESI IS CONFIDENT OF SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM IN CONNECTION WITH WORLD DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION DAY. BRIEF INTERVENTIONS BY FRANCE, KENYA, SWITZERLAND, FRG, SUDAN, CSR AND PAKISTAN WERE GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE OF PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN TDB/ 430, WITH KENYA STRESSING NEED TO PITCH INFORMATION PROGRAM TO " ORDINARY PEOPLE"; SWITZERLAND EMPHASIZING IMPORTANT ROLE OF MASS MEDIA; FRG OUTLINING 7 MILLION DM GOVERNMENT PROGRAM TO INFORM PUBLIC ABOUT NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE ( WHICH INCLUDED GOVERNMENT FINANCING OF PRESS TRAVEL TO SANTIAGO TO COVER UNCTAD III); AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA WONDERING WHETHER PROGRAM MIGHT NOT BE TOO AMBITIOUS AND TOO COSTLY.

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